

## REMARKS

### Double Patenting Rejection

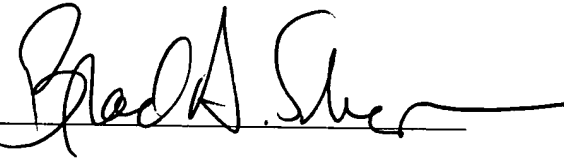
Claim 31 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,669,909. The Applicant has filed a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's application is now in condition for allowance with pending claims 19-50.

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. Timely action towards a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

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